cotton in Maharashtra has been adversely affected by the textile policy announced by Government; on the 6th June, 1985;

(b) whether loss of more than 50 crores of rupees per year is to, be incurred by the State as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Maharashtra Government has urged the Central Government to reconsider the matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

World Bank assistance for Bombay Urban Transport Project

2322. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has launched the Bombay Urban Transport Project for improving bus services within the municipal limits of Greater Bombay with World Bank assistance; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra is formulating the Bombay Urban Transport Project and have informed that they intend requesting for World Bank credit for the project. The details of the project are still being worked out by the Government of Maharashtra in consultation with concerned technical agencies.

Admission of TFAI to Union Fairs International

2323. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India has been admitted as a member of the Union Fairs International;

(b) if so, to what extent it will help the display of improvements achieved on the products by Indian industries at the International Trade Fairs;

(c) what will be the advantage of India's membership with the world body; and

(d) whether Government have made any assessment of the role of trade fairs in boosting India's export; if so, the details of the assessment made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) By becoming a member of the Union of Fairs International, Paris the Indian International Trade Fair attains the recognition of Internaional fairs of the world and will secure all publicity abroad through the various media of UFI resuting in increased inflow of foreign exhibitors. buyers trade delegations etc. This will open up considerable oportunities for our own industries to bring about further development and adaptation of products suited to the requirement of international market.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Statement showing details is attached. (*See below*).

Statement

The display at the exhibitions organised by Trade Fair Authority of India abroad has created an impact on the general public as a whole and on the businessmen in particular in the country of exhibition. Many of the countries where exhibitions were held did not know that India had achieved so much advancement in industrial, technical and managerial fields.

Although it is not possible to measure the financial results achieved during participation in fairs in terms